

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

November 21, 1962  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by FATHER DANIEL WALSH, Delores Church.

MR. J. A. CHRISTI complained of two fees being charged on reinstallation of gasoline service station equipment. He was not opposed to the fees charged on new installation, but protested inspection fees on reinstallation, which are exorbitant, running from \$2.00 to \$4.00 on an \$8.00 profit per installation. Councilman Armstrong inquired as to what this amounted to, and how many he was having to pay. Mr. Christi stated this would not come up but once in about five or seven years, but he had paid 17 fees in the last two weeks. The Assistant City Manager stated he had nine permits. The Building Inspector stated no inspection was made from a calibration standpoint, as that was done by the State; but the fee is charged from a plumbing standpoint. He stated Austin had been very fortunate on filling stations in that very few fires had occurred, and he believed this had been due partly to their close inspections. After discussion, Councilman Perry suggested that the Council check this afternoon with the Department Head and see what it could come up with. The Mayor thanked Mr. Christi for coming down and stated the City had ordinances and it was felt these inspections were needed in the public interest.

The Council noted the birthday of Councilman Armstrong and presented him a Birthday Cake.

MR. NELSON PUETT appeared before the Council making a complaint in the way a land sale negotiation had been handled. (The Pioneer Broadcasting Company tract) He read his letter addressed to the City Council, City Manager and City Attorney. (Letter on file under PROPERTY - Acquisitions) The City Attorney stated the facts, and said Mr. Puett was under misapprehension of the facts.

MR. MICHAEL SMITH, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, stated a Christmas Caroling Service was planned for Sunday, December 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. and asked that Colorado Street be closed between 10th and 11th Streets to permit the people to gather in front of the balcony. The Chief of Police stated as far as traffic was concerned, he would recommend that it could be done. Councilman Perry moved that the request be granted, subject to the Governor's approval. The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 1962, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 54.66 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE WILLIAM WILKS SURVEY NO. 29, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE. (University Hills, Sec. 2, Phases 3 and 4 and an unplatted 24.38 acre tract)

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Perry moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 48.21 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

(Richland Estates Section 1 and Section 2, Phase 1)

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Perry moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager pointed out on a plat the areas of Cherrylawn, Sections 1 and 2, which the owner had asked to be annexed, but said the two subdivisions were separated by a roadway which was not improved as a city street. For that reason, the City was reluctant to take the area into the City limits unless this street were improved. He recommended, and also advised the subdivider, that if annexation is commenced, sufficient area on the east side be included so immediately upon annexation, the City could proceed with ordering the street paved with assessment proceedings if necessary. Councilman Perry moved subject to the subdivider's providing the necessary access road meeting city specifications, that the following annexation ordinance be introduced and published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN  
BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXA-  
TION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF  
13.748 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF  
THE THOMAS ELDRIDGE SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS;  
WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND  
ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF  
AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.  
(Cherrylawn, Sections 1 and 2 and a part of Thomas  
Eldridge Survey)

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Perry moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

MR. J. A. CHRISTI made inquiry of annexing property, stating if the new areas could not carry their own tax weight, he was against it. He stated he had 16 tax raises in 16 years. The City Manager stated he did not have 16 raises in taxes. Mr. Christi asked if he wanted him to present his bills, and the City Manager stated he did.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, by the subdivision plat of Northwest Hills, Section 6, an easement, ten (10.00) feet in width, was dedicated, for public utility purposes, across Block 1, as shown on a map or plat of Northwest Hills, Section 6, a

"3" Our Specifications for this model blower call for use of stub shaft design to minimize shaft twist. Sutorbilt proposes machine with long, one piece shaft.

"COMPARISON OF BIDS:

The above two bidders are the only manufactures of positive displacement blowers of the types suitable for our purpose.

Each of these manufacturers offer heavy weight (heavy duty) machines and lighter weight machines.

Our Specifications call for base bids to be on the heavy weight machines and for alternate bids to be on the lighter weight machines in order that we might evaluate the bids and determine which, in our opinion, will best serve the City's interest.

In order to give long and trouble free service, this type of equipment must be manufactured to very close tolerances - that is, it must be precision made. It must also have sufficient weight to withstand temperature and pressure stresses. It has been our experience that evaluation on a weight basis is a valid method of evaluating this type of equipment.

It will be noted that the machines proposed by Sutorbilt, both under the base bid and under the alternate bid, are of considerable lighter weight than the corresponding machines proposed by Roots-Connersville.

We now have seven (7) Roots-Connersville blowers and two (2) Sutorbilt blowers in operation at the Sewage Treatment Plant.

All seven existing Roots-Connersville blowers have given completely trouble free operation from the time of their installation. Four of them have been in operation since 1937, two have been in operation since 1954, and one has been in operation since 1959.

Both of our existing Sutorbilt blowers, which were placed in operation in early 1961, have required rebuilding. One failed completely before the factory guarantee expired. It was returned to the factory for rebuilding. The factory anticipated failure of the second machine and arranged to have it rebuilt locally under factory supervision. Both machines lost capacity due to the rebuilding jobs and are now operating at reduced efficiency. As of now they have operated less than one year since they were rebuilt.

"RECOMMENDATION:

On the basis of the above evaluation and comparison of the bids received, it is my recommendation that the low, evaluated, Roots-Connersville Blower Alternate Bid No. 1, in the amount of \$17,104.00, be accepted as being in the best interest of the City.

"s/ A. H. Ullrich"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on October 18, 1962,

for the furnishing of one blower unit to be installed in the Govalle Sewage Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Roots-Connersville Blower company, in the sum of \$17,104.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Superintendent of Filter Plants of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Roots-Connersville Blower company, in the sum of \$17,104.00, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of the City, with Roots-Connersville Blower company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Armstrong, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Council reset its meeting date with the Hospital Boards and Administrators of all Hospitals in the City from December 12th to DECEMBER 13TH, at 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor, with the Council's endorsement, proclaimed DECEMBER 12, 1962, as PRICE DANIELS DAY in Austin.

The Assistant City Manager submitted the request of MR. JAKE PICKLE for permission for the Governor's Inaugural Parade, January 15th, 1963, between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. Councilman Perry moved that the requested permission for this parade be granted. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The Mayor suggested that the Christmas lights be left up until January 15, 1963, and he would check with the Down-Town group and Chamber of Commerce for clearance.

The Assistant City Manager submitted the request of the Livestock Show for a carnival, March 8-16th, on the same location between the Chamber of Commerce Building and the Coliseum, or between the Ball park and the Coliseum. The Chief of Police said he would like to know which carnival is to be booked. Councilman White moved that the Livestock Show be authorized to have a carnival if it meets the approval of the Chief of Police. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the request from Mr. Rudy Williams, General Service Agency, requesting three parking spaces to be marked in front of the Court House for the U.S. Marshal and Judges. After discussion, Councilman White moved that three spaces be assigned to the U. S. Marshal with instructions that they will be marked while the Court is in session and made available for public parking at all other times. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Armstrong, Perry, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer  
Noes: None

The City Manager stated he had a report concerning specifications on equipment and on the practices followed in San Antonio on bidding, in connection with the complaint of Mr. Dooley Bell.

The City Manager stated MR. C. B. SMITH had written a letter indicating his desire to lease the property on the south side of 5th Street and west side of Lamar. His offer is a three year lease with a 90 day cancellation provision. The matter was referred to Councilman White.

The City Manager stated the Director of Public Works had an inquiry from MR. R. G. MUELLER, JR. with reference to Herndon Lane. The City Attorney stated there is a paving project on Herndon Lane which requires the widening on Herndon Lane. He stated Mr. Mueller owned the land where the City needed a few feet of right-of-way. He said one of the properties the schools had agreed to sell to the City was a fifteen acre tract just east of Bouldin Creek and north of Cumberland Road. The City Attorney stated Mr. Mueller had discussed the matter with the Mayor as to what he would like to do. The Mayor stated he would talk to him, and asked if the City wanted to buy this piece of land from the Schools. The City Manager outlined the status of the purchasing of the school properties at this time. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 12:30 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

L. E. Palmer  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Chas. J. Dooley  
City Clerk